



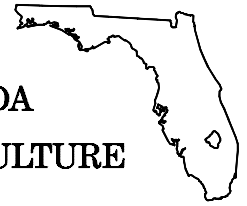
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U. S. CATTLE ON FEED 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.7 million head on February 1, 2003. The inventory was 8 percent below February 1, 2002 and 11 percent below February 1, 2001.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 2.14 million, 2 percent below 2002 and 6 percent below 2001. Net placements were 2.06 million. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 433,000, 600-699 pounds were 587,000, 700-799 pounds were 706,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 409,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 1.97 million, down 5 percent from 2002 and down 4 percent from 2001.

Other disappearance totaled 75,000 during January, 16 percent below 2002 and 4 percent below 2001.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head represented 82.0 percent of all cattle and calves on feed in the United States on January 1, 2003, down from 83.4 percent of January 1, 2002.

Marketing of fed cattle for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head during 2002 represented 86.3 percent all cattle marketed from feedlots in the United States, down from 87.0 percent during 2001.

Cattle on Feed: U.S. Number Placed on Feed, by weight groups, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, January, 2002, December 2002, January 2003

Month	Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
1,000 head					
Jan. 2002	381	618	738	442	2,179
Dec. 2002	421	*512	407	255	*1,595
Jan. 2003	433	587	706	409	2,135

*Revised

Cattle and Calves on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, and United States

State	Number on feed January 1			Placed during January			Marketed during January			Other disappearance during January			Number on feed February 1		
	2002	2003	2003-02	2002	2003	2003-02	2002	2003	2003-02	2002	2003	2003-02	2002	2003	2003-02
	1,000 head			1,000 head			1,000 head			1,000 head			1,000 head		
	Percent			Percent			Percent			Percent			Percent		
AZ	305	289	95	32	29	91	25	24	96	1	3	300	311	291	94
CA	480	490	102	59	58	98	57	67	118	7	6	86	475	475	100
CO	1,180	1,020	86	225	235	104	215	215	100	10	10	100	1,180	1,030	87
ID	330	295	89	57	56	98	65	65	100	2	1	50	320	285	89
IA	355	355	100	91	69	76	50	62	124	1	2	200	395	360	91
KS	2,480	2,200	89	530	540	102	540	500	93	20	20	100	2,450	2,220	91
NE	2,230	2,140	96	490	480	98	405	390	96	25	10	40	2,290	2,220	97
NM	108	119	110	11	8	73	9	14	156	1	1	100	109	112	103
OK	360	330	92	67	46	69	74	49	66	3	2	67	350	325	93
SD	195	205	105	46	53	115	38	42	111	3	1	33	200	215	108
TX	2,880	2,630	91	480	450	94	500	435	87	10	15	150	2,850	2,630	92
WA	247	185	75	41	36	88	50	39	78	1	2	200	237	180	76
Oth. Sts.	415	335	81	50	75	150	55	68	124	5	2	40	405	340	84
U.S.	11,565	*10,593	92	2,179	2,135	98	2,083	1,970	95	89	75	84	11,572	10,683	92

Average prices, Nebraska, dollars per cwt

Week ended	Slaughter steers				Slaughter heifers			
	Choice				Choice			
	1100-1300 lbs				1000-1200 lbs			
	2002				2002			
	2003				2003			
Jan 18	68.07				68.23			
Jan 25	67.31				67.50			
Feb 01	68.82				67.50			

CHICKENS AND EGGS

FLORIDA

Table eggs sold in mid-February 2003 averaged 56.0 cents, up 1.0 cent from mid-January. Table egg production in Florida during January was 221 million eggs, up one percent from the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 7.34 billion during January 2003, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.25 billion table eggs and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 million were broiler-type and 64.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during January 2003 averaged 338 million, up slightly from a year earlier. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,170 eggs, compared to 2,143 eggs in January 2002. January 2003 contained 23 weekdays, two holidays and four Saturdays, the same as January 2002.

All layers in the U.S. on February 1, 2003, totaled 339 million, up slightly from a year ago. The 339 million layers consisted of 279 million layers producing table type eggs, 56.3 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.71 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on February 1, 2003, averaged 70.1 eggs per 100 layers, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.86 billion eggs during January 2003, up 1 percent from a year ago. The average number of layers during January, at 316 million, was down 1 percent from a year ago.

Mid-month table egg prices received
by Florida egg producers.

Month	Cents per dozen	
	2002	2003
January	41.0	55.0
February	44.0	56.0
March	50.0	
April	40.0	
May	31.0	
June	43.0	
July	35.0	
August	37.0	
September	36.0	
October	38.0	
November	43.0	
December	54.0	

FLORIDA: Layers on hand first of month,
percent molting and molted

	Feb 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003
Total layers on hand: Thous.	10,797	10,534	10,484	10,716
Percent of layers:				
Being molted	10.0	3.0	2.5	6.0
Molt completed	30.0	36.0	31.5	29.0

Layers and egg production, January 2003, production year-to-date egg production for selected States

Selected States	Average layers on hand	Eggs per 100 layers	Egg production				Layers	
			Total	Table	Hatching	Year to date ^{1/}	Being molted	Molt completed
	Thousand			Millions			Percent	
Alabama	9,989	1,892	189	52	137	189	7.5	8.0
Arkansas	14,849	1,899	282	101	181	282	1.5	10.0
California	21,831	2,194	479			479	6.0	40.0
Florida	10,601	2,170	230	221	9	230	6.0	29.0
Georgia	19,883	2,082	414	242	172	414	2.0	16.5
Indiana	22,949	2,227	511	499	12	511	3.0	32.5
Iowa	37,888	2,272	861			861	3.5	33.5
Maine	4,343	1,957	85			85	0.0	1.0
Maryland	3,189	2,415	77	74	3	77	4.5	23.0
Michigan	6,753	2,221	150			150	3.0	29.0
Minnesota	11,408	2,314	269	260	4	269	4.5	31.5
Mississippi	6,737	1,989	134	42	92	134	4.0	10.0
Missouri	6,812	2,275	155			155	2.0	20.0
Nebraska	11,592	2,191	254	254		254	8.0	23.5
New York	3,611	2,409	87			87	1.5	5.0
North Carolina	10,845	1,973	214	81	133	214	1.0	13.0
Ohio	30,567	2,182	667			667	4.5	25.0
Pennsylvania	24,921	2,339	583	565	18	583	4.0	17.0
South Carolina	5,298	2,076	110	91	19	110	5.5	24.5
Texas	18,809	2,100	395			395	7.5	21.0
Virginia	3,358	2,025	68	31	37	68	5.5	14.5
Washington	4,964	2,196	109			109	14.5	42.5
Other States	46,925	2,129	473	385	87	473	7.2	24.7
United States	338,122	2,170	7,337	6,254	1,082	7,337	4.5	24.0

^{1/} Production year begins December 1.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The January hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 5,756,000 was 35 percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on February 1, at 4,723,000, were 46 percent below a year ago.

Egg-type hatch during January at 665,000 chicks was 34 percent above last year. Egg-type eggs in incubators on February 1, at 554,000 were 10 percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

The January 2003 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 760 million, was down 2 percent from January of the previous year. There were 630 million eggs in incubators on February 1, 2003, down 1 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.3 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during January 2003, down 6 percent from January 2002.

Egg-type chicks hatched during January totaled 33.5 million, down 6 percent from January 2002. Eggs in incubators totaled 27.5 million on February 1, 2003, down 14 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 198,000 during January 2003, down 13 percent from January 2002.

Hatchery production, United States

Item	2002	2003	2003 % of 2002
-- Thousands --			
Egg-Type:			
Eggs in incubators: Feb 1	32,025	27,540	86
Chicks hatched during Jan	35,533	33,499	94
Pullets hatched during Jan for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	228	198	87
7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	3,158	2,974	94
Broiler-Type:			
Eggs in incubators: Feb 1	637,582	629,525	99
Chicks hatched during Jan	775,669	759,773	98
Pullets hatched during Jan for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	6,660	6,269	94
7-14 months earlier ^{2/}	60,750	62,869	103

^{1/} 2003 includes pullet chicks hatched July 2001 through June 2003.

^{2/} 2002 includes pullet chicks hatched October 2001 through June 2002.

MILK PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 207 million pounds of milk during January 2003, down three percent from the previous January. Production per cow of 1,405 pounds was slightly below last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in January totaled 147,000, three percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 20 major States during January totaled 12.5 billion pounds, up 1.8 percent from January 2002. December revised production, at 12.3 billion pounds, was up 1.6 percent from December 2001. The December revision represented a decrease of 0.6 percent or 70 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,608 pounds for January, 17 pounds above January 2002.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.81 million head, 56,000 head more than January 2002, and 4,000 head more than December 2002.

Milk cows and production, Florida and U.S.

Month and year		Milk cows	Monthly milk production	
			Per cow	Monthly Total
		Thous.	Lbs.	Mil. Lbs.
Florida:				
January	2002	152	1,410	214
December	2002	147	1,325	195
January	2003	147	1,405	207
20 Major States:				
January	2002	7,749	1,591	12,327
December	2002	7,801	1,575	12,290
January	2003	7,805	1,608	12,547
United States				
January	2002	--	--	14,304
December	2002	--	--	14,211
January	2003	--	--	14,559

Milk production by quarters, United States

Month	Milk cows ^{1/}		Milk per cow ^{2/}		Milk production	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thousand		Pounds		Mil. Lbs.	
Jan-Mar	9,143	9,109	4,514	4,639	41,267	42,256
Apr-Jun	9,114	9,145	4,683	4,806	42,681	43,954
Jul-Sep	9,098	9,155	4,459	4,571	40,570	41,845
Oct-Dec	9,105	9,148	4,483	4,538	40,818	41,511
Annual Total	9,115	9,139	18,139	18,554	165,336	169,566

^{1/} Dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

^{2/} Excludes milk sucked by calves.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat output in Florida for January 2003 was 5.8 million pounds, four percent above the same month last

year. Commercial production of red meat in the United States for January at 4.08 billion pounds, was slightly below 2002.

Commercial slaughter and red meat production, Florida and United States

Source and kind	January 2002	December 2002	January 2003	Year to date 2002	Year to date 2003
Florida					
Cattle slaughtered (1000 head) ^{1/}	9	8	9	9	9
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	6	9	8	6	8
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,073	1,559	1,318	1,073	1,318
Red meat production (million pounds)	5.6	5.8	5.8	5.6	5.8
United States					
Cattle:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	3,056	2,772	3,007	3,056	3,007
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,851	3,506	3,814	3,851	3,814
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,260	1,265	1,268	1,260	1,268
Beef production (million pounds)	2,330	2,107	2,292	2,330	2,292
Calves:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	87	98	94	87	94
Total liveweight (million pounds)	28	30	30	28	30
Average liveweight (pounds)	321	305	317	321	317
Veal production (million pounds)	17	18	18	17	18
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	8,658	8,658	8,788	8,658	8,788
Liveweight (million pounds)	2,317	2,317	2,353	2,317	2,353
Average liveweight (pounds)	268	268	268	268	268
Pork production (million pounds)	1,716	1,715	1,749	1,716	1,749
Red meat production (million pounds)	4,081	3,859	4,076	4,081	4,076

^{1/}Does not include calf slaughter data.

Average Dollars Per Cwt Received through 11 Florida Auctions January 2002 and 2003

Stocker calves under 300 lbs.					Stocker calves over 300 lbs.				
Grade	2002		2003		Grade	2002		2003	
	Steers	Heifers	Steers	Heifers		Steers	Heifers	Steers	Heifers
Large #1					Large #1	104.61	90.59	95.88	81.15
Medium #1	128.30	109.30	120.51	103.83	Medium #1	^{1/}	^{1/}	^{1/}	^{1/}
Medium #2	108.72	93.89	99.68	86.09	Medium #2	96.22	83.14	84.56	74.41
All grades	117.09	102.31	109.82	95.04	All grades	101.96	88.26	89.96	78.52

SOURCE: FDA & CS, Div. Of Marketing and Development, Market News Service.

^{1/} Unavailable.